

Review of Inputs

- Geocoded points
 - What is the surrogate method to be used
 - This is important as most of the high cost customers have un-geocoded addresses.
 - When should the surrogate method be used
 - May need to use all surrogate points if geocoding success is less than xx%
 - Do we include housing units
- Does not appear to be able to use actual data
 - Loop counts by office (FCC lines File) (FCC Criteria 1)
 - Wire Center Boundaries and locations

Review of Code

- Use of Turbo Pascal and current coding structure
 - Not a common language
 - Difficult to Test
 - Difficult to Audit/Verify
 - Difficult to Review
- We have converted all HCPM Turbo Pascal to pseudo code
 - Somewhat easier to review
 - Generic Syntax
 - Can use to convert system to a more universal language: VB

Review of Code (cnt'd)

- Programming Review

- Numerous variables were not used
 - Duct_cost_per_kf, Copper_line_max, T1_line_max, Th2016, Th672, Th96, SpclAccessLines_per_bus, CriticalWaterDepth, WaterFactor, SoilTexFactor
- In Structur_Cost_Fn, there is an excess amount of Looping.
 - A lot of the loops could be eliminated if a variable for the density index was created.
 - A lot of code could be eliminated if a set of factors was assigned
- The SurfaceText array should be sorted and binary search used.
 - This is a fairly large array and is now linearly searched
- The performance of most lookups/searches could be improved if the lookups were exited when a match is found rather than continuing on to the end of the loop

Review of Code (cnt'd)

- Programming Review

- It would appear that multiple occurrences of the minimum spanning tree could be eliminated.
 - The functions are globally defined and then basically overridden by local instances of these functions
- Use of a lot of Global Variables should be avoided
- Passing Global variables as parameters to procedures or functions should be avoided
- It appears that the code is a combination of several modeling efforts
 - Coding style suffers as there is no consistency
- The Logic is extremely difficult to verify
 - Need to create audit trail to assist the understanding of the code
 - Need to improve documentation of code

Review of Code (cnt'd)

- Logic Comments

- Cable sizes for feeder and distribution are consistently undersized. See Function `Feed_Cable_Cost` and Function `Dist_Cable_Cost`. It appears that the cable sizing lookups are reversed. The cable that is smaller than the number of lines is chosen instead of the next bigger size cable.
- The factors for soft_rock structure and normal structure are reversed. See Function `Structur_Cost_Fn`. Looks like the values in the `SoilTexture` file are used backwards.
- The cumulative density factor is understated. The density for each entity is calculated correctly. However, then the numbers are cumulated the calculated density is used instead of the cumulative area divided by the cumulative lines.
- The cost of 24 gauge copper is assumed to be a constant multiplier of 26 gauge copper costs. The 24_ multiplier is used even though there is an input file of 24 gauge copper costs.
- The copper capacity factors are used to size the fiber cables for feeder cable.
- The file `fdrmix.txt` is used to populate both the `CopFeedPlantMix` array, and the `FibFeedPlantMix` array. If these arrays are meant to be identical, then only one of the arrays should be used. If they are separate because of the possibility that they might contain different data, then separate txt files should be used to populate them.

Review of Code (cnt'd)

- Logic Comments

- The file 26g.txt is used to populate both the CopDistCost array, and the CopFeedCost array. If these arrays are meant to be identical, then only one of the arrays should be used. If they are separate because of the possibility that they might contain different data, then separate txt files should be used to populate them.
- It looks like the long loop penalty is applied at least twice.
- Not sure DS1 costs are properly calculated. The units carried in the record are neither lines nor channels. Also the original input data is modified, generally you should try to avoid this.
- Not sure the distance associated with linking cables are carried forward.
- Version 2.6 added the variable PrimCutOffDensity. This is used in distrib.pas in the conditional expression:

```
(v2.5)  if UsePrimDist or (density < 100) then ..
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(v2.6)  if UsePrimDist or (density < PrimCutOffDensity) then
```

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..
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PrimCutOfDensity is set to 0.

Review of Engineering

- Use of outdated T-1
 - T-1 technology was used in the 60's and 70's, used today only to reinforce existing copper runs
 - Fiber is the forward looking technology for long loops
- T-1 costs understated due to lack of repeaters
- Copper Lengths appear to exceed standards
 - BOC Notes refer to total loop length, HCPM uses this for distribution only (violates engineering)
 - it is important to remember that what is engineered for the total loop might not work on the same distance in just the feeder or just the distribution
 - There are known limitations of 26 gauge copper
 - 9kft off of DLC terminal (12kft if mix of 24/26)

Review of Engineering (cnt'd)

- Cable size selection appears to choose the next smaller cable
 - If 2200 lines required, model would pick 1200 pair cable
- If a manhole has more than 9 ducts an incremental cost per duct is added
 - However this cost is apparently not divided by the manhole spacing
- Structure costs seem to be lacking ducts and inner ducts
- Manhole and Pole costs derived on a per foot basis
 - in the network planning, the manholes (poles) are placed at specific intervals
 - each underground (aerial) cable run needs to start and end with a manhole (pole), so the tendency is to forget to place the first or last manhole (pole)
 - applying manhole (pole) costs on a per foot basis increases the chances of underestimating this structure
- There is no manhole/handhole/pullbox investment in distribution
- Splicing Costs appear to be based on a single value, independent of cable size

Review of Engineering (cnt'd)

- Need to gain better understanding of inputs
 - For example, there are no separately defined installation costs
 - Do we assume that input values represent material and placing
 - However, Fiber_splice_cost has been separately identified as a variable
 - What do values in
- DLC Central Office Terminal costs seem to be overlooked
 - Documentation states that the COT line card is included
 - Does not mention COT
 - This can be shared with multiple Remote sites
- DLC System sizes of greater than 1344 are used
 - We know they are available
 - However, they are not standard
 - They are quite large and exceed size limitations for rights-of-way
 - If they are used, other costs may need to be included (e.g., land)

Review of Engineering (cnt'd)

- Concerns with Loop Length Optimization
 - There are concerns about underestimating loop length
 - Need to make sure that the model does not violate FCC Criteria 1, in which the objective is to obtain loop lengths that match incumbent carrier's actual loop lengths
 - Minimum spanning tree algorithms have been proven to underestimate actual network loop lengths
 - Understatement varies in rural and Urban areas
 - » Rural length can be understated by 20-30 percent, urban areas by more than 100%
 - Need to make sure that the model will account for this

Partial Review of Documentation

- Table 2 has values that appear to represent different terminal sizes. The drop termination input file (drop.txt) however has the same value for all terminals (by OSP type) and these values are less than 60% of the smallest values shown in the documentation.
- On page 19 of the documentation, it is stated that “ When 24-gauge copper is required we apply a multiplier to these values, with a default value of 1.25”. Table 16 in the same document lists the value as 1.1736. The input file (feeddist.prm) however contains a value of 1.0 for this variable.
- Sort order of input files are critical, but the program contains no sorts to insure that the data is in the correct order.
- The documentation does not contain explanations of many of the input values.

Review of Running/Validation

- More state data is needed to validate the model vis-à-vis other models
- Hard to validate against existing models due to
 - use of On-target data
 - Lack of Output
 - Lack of Auditing steps
- Model froze in Windows 97 on some machines
- When able to run, MD took over 11 hours to process
 - When complete, could not easily determine what needed to be viewed
 - Only provides Loop capital costs
 - No subsidy
 - No Company, Parent, or Small-Medium-Large Information
 - No NID, Drop, Terminal or FeedSplice cost
 - MD cost of 7.91 per month

Review of Proxy Modeling

- While the HCPM may provide the basis for an acceptable loop model
 - Loop plant is generally 30% of the ILEC cost for basic service
- How will other parts of the proxy model be addressed:
 - Switch
 - Interoffice
 - Signaling
 - Operating Expenses
 - Capital Costs
 - Support Investments
 - Reporting
 - Subsidy calculation
 - User inputs

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Potential National Proxy Model Workplan (based on BCPM workplan):

- The National Proxy model could be built around the logic coded by each module team.
- Each EXCEL/VB/TP Logic Module team could work independently to develop the appropriate algorithms, necessary Inputs, Outputs, and procedures
 - Based on accepted specifications
- The Overall System Team work will be broken up into a total of 7 distinct modules. These Modules and the Basic System Schematic are pictured in Figure 1. Each team would be expected to develop the module to fit into the completed system and to develop basic documentation that a reviewer would understand.
- General Notes
 - System response must be reasonable
 - System resource requirements (RAM, Harddisk, processor speed) should be minimized
 - Code and structure should be simple, easy to understand, verifiable, reviewable by non-techies, and modifiable
 - System documentation must be complete and understandable (Pictures are encouraged)
 - General Database Guidelines and Structures should be adhered to somewhat
 - Number of Tables should be minimalized
 - Impact on run time avoided
 - Non-optimized structure is OK in the context of simplifying
 - VB , Macros, and SQL code should be well structured and self documenting

WORK MODULES:

1. User Interface

- Preliminary Plans are that this will be written in ?? (Visual Basic)
- This will control the use of the entire model
- This Module will also control Scenario processing, whereby the user can change inputs, raw files and/ or Module logic and save these results and changes under various Scenario ID's
 - The Scenario should keep record of User inputs, raw and Logic
 - In addition, this Scenario Information should be passed to the reporting Module

2. Raw GIS data

- These may exist as either CSV flat files by state or in an Access Database
- This is the base data for the model
- The base values are not user adjustable. However, the user can substitute their own raw files in a scenario analysis
- There will probably be three Raw files
 - Housing Unit, Household and Business line counts
 - Cluster to CBG conversion File
 - Terrain Data by Cluster
 - CLLI information File
 - Boundary
 - Lat, and Long
 - Company Ownership

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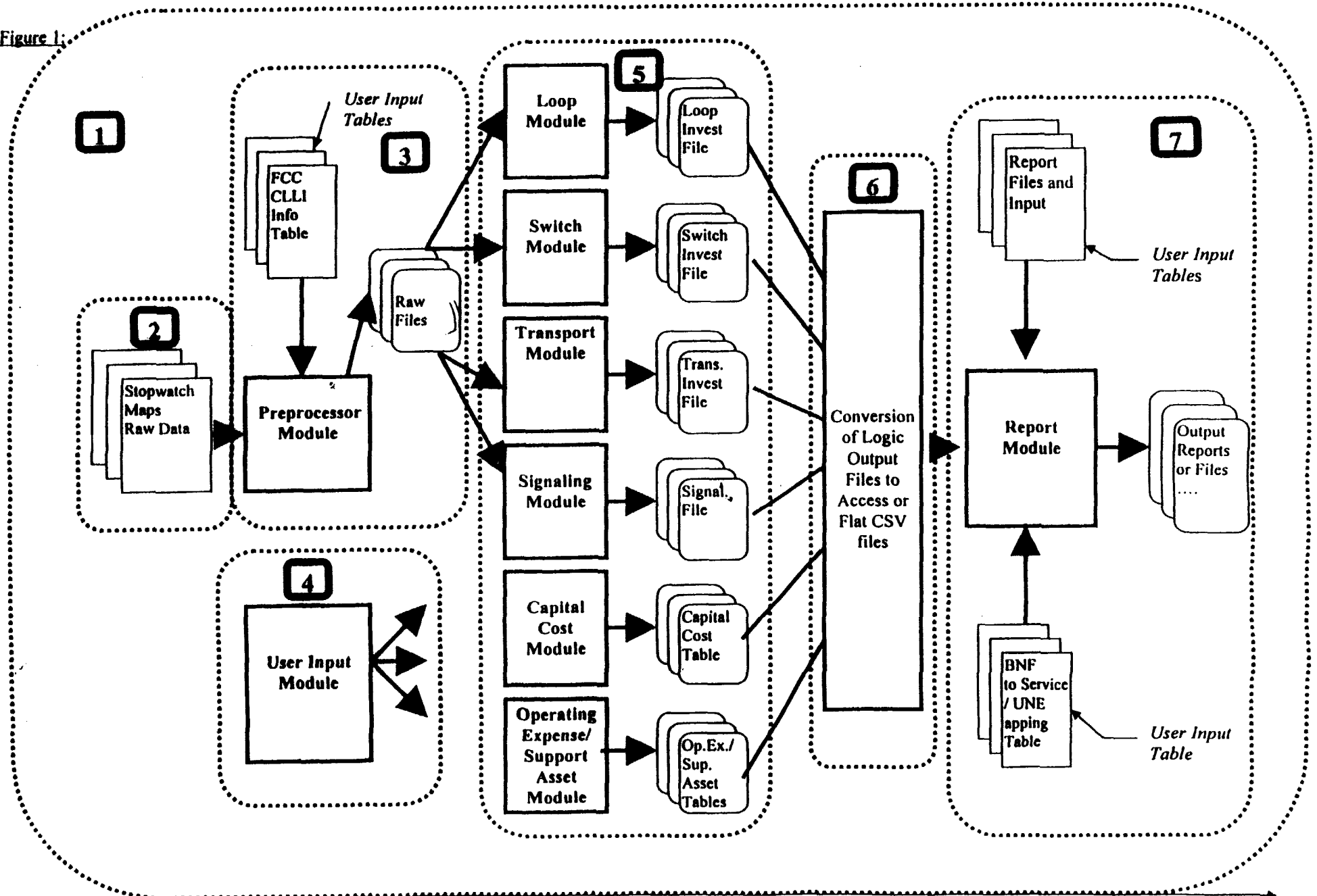
- Parent Company
 - Large, Medium or Small
3. Preprocessor Module
- Written in either VB5, EXCEL, or ACCESS
 - It will combine the FCC CLLI file Line data with the GIS files
 - This will create the Line counts by Cluster by grid CSV files
 - Logic will need to be created to True the Grid Household and Business line data so that when summed they match the values in the FCC CLLI file
 - Additional logic will need to be written to account for the fact that some FCC CLLI data may not exists for some CLLI. Therefore, we will need Global Defaults for adjustments
 - This will create the various CSV files needed by the Engineering logic modules
 - The Loop module will need the Combined FCC/GRID file at the GRID level
 - The Switch/Transport/Signaling modules will need a Summarized FCC/GRID file at the CLLI level
 - This will also create any files needed by the Other Module teams
4. User Input Data Module
- Possibly written in VB5/Excel
 - This will pull out all of the User Adjustable data from the Engineering Logic Modules into a common area
 - Logical Setup, with some simple data edit checks
5. Engineering Logic Module
- Written in ??
 - As previously mentioned, each Engineering Logic Work team could develop their own Logic
 - These teams will
 - Develop the input and output routines
 - Standardize the look and structure of the logic
6. Conversion Module
- Developed in either Access or CSV format
 - This will standardize the input file structure from each Engineering Logic module into a Database structure
7. Report Module
- Developed in Either Access or VB/Excel
 - This will control the logic of reports
 - User will input various Report Variables
 - Type of Report
 - Level of Report
 - State
 - Company
 - etc..
 - Variables for Reporting
 - Benchmarks
 - Investment Cap
 - Level of Subsidy
 - CBG

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- Grid
- CLLI
- The reporting module will develop the logic to
 - Combine the Engineering Logic output files
 - Use the Reporting Variables

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Figure 1:



What is next

- Continuing review
 - Pseudo Coding CLUSTINTF
 - Engineering review of FeedDist
 - Review of outputs
- We can convert the HCPM to VB
 - More supportable
 - Can create audit steps
- Need to begin work on other parts of the model

HCPM
Version 2.6

Pseudo code
for
FeedDist

as prepared by the
BCPM Sponsors

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HCPM version 2.6 Pseudo code

fact

A document was created by taking the HCPM Pascal source code and converting it into pseudo code. The pseudo code was designed so that the details of the calculations performed in the code were retained, while the other aspects of the source code such as file handling and memory management were summarized or removed.

version 2.6

This document was originally created using HCPM version 2.5. It has been modified to include the changes from version 2.6. These changes are highlighted. The following modules have changed: global, feeddata, distmix, feeder, prindist and printfeed.

claimer

While every effort was made to generate pseudo code that accurately reflects the logic in the Pascal code, it is recommended to refer to the Pascal code if there are any questions.

Using The Document



This document is divided into sections - each Pascal module is in its own section. To browse by section, use the bottom of the right-hand scroll bar. Press the circle button in the middle and select "Browse By Section". Then press the double arrow buttons to browse up or down by sections.

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The table of contents has links to the individual modules and the functions and procedures within each module. The functions and procedures that are displayed in red are local to the module and are not called from code outside of that module.

Get to the Table Of Contents at any time, press [CTL+F]. (If this doesn't work, it may be because you have opened the document with macros disabled.)

formatting

Styles were used in formatting the text. The styles can be edited so that the text will stand out in a printed version of this document.

Procedure and function names are formatted with the style ProcedureFunction.

Global variable names are formatted with the style Global Variable.

Warnings are formatted with the style Warning.

Comments are formatted with the style Comment.

The original comments from the source code are in curly brackets {}

The explanatory text that replaces code, the text will appear as normal text.

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Procedure Argument Syntax

Variables that are passed to a procedure (including functions) can also return values set by the called procedure. Such variables are preceded with a *, both in the procedure definition, and in the actual call to the procedure.

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Global constants:

0-010-0

100

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global variables:

Variable Name	Procedure Where Value Is Set
BA array	Process (feedlist.pas)
BA	
numbafeases	get user parameters (global.pas)
numcablelines	get user parameters (global.pas)
numcablelines	get user parameters (global.pas)
numfiberCableLines	get user parameters (global.pas)
numdropFiberlanLines	get user parameters (global.pas)
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DistPlanMus()	get user parameters (global.pas)
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Flowing()	get user parameters (global.pas)
11 redundancy factor	get user parameters (global.pas)
pot di	get user parameters (global.pas)
pot 1a	get user parameters (global.pas)
SpecAcceRatio	get state data (global.pas)
SpecLossLines per bus	get user parameters (global.pas)
multiplier 1	get user parameters (global.pas)
copper placement depth	get user parameters (global.pas)
fiber placement depth	get user parameters (global.pas)
CriticalWaterDepth	get user parameters (global.pas)
WaterFactor	get user parameters (global.pas)
WavelengthProc	get user parameters (global.pas)
MusLossFactor	get user parameters (global.pas)
MusLossTriggr	get user parameters (global.pas)
MusLossFactor	get user parameters (global.pas)
BuildLossFactor	get user parameters (global.pas)
BuildLossFactor	get user parameters (global.pas)
FiberLossFactor	get user parameters (global.pas)
FiberFillFactor	get user parameters (global.pas)
DistanceType	get user parameters (global.pas)
num Ala	Process (feedlist.pas)
apogometer	calculate microgrid cost (distc.b.pas)
tot terms	process (feedlist.pas)
tot flame	process (feedlist.pas)
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ion sqr

passed variables
x

//pass a number, return the square of the number

sqr = x * x

tion fill_factor_fn

passed variables:
density
feeder_indicator

local variables:
i
temp

//Loop from 1 to the value in NumDensZones using i. For each value of i, index the FillFact array to get the values for density,
FeedFillFactor, and DistFillFactor, as appropriate.

for i = 1 to NumDensZones
    if density >= FillFact[i].density then
        if feeder_indicator = 1 then
            temp = FillFact[i].FeedFillFactor
        else
            temp = FillFact[i].DistFillFactor
        end if
    end if
next

fill_factor_fn = temp

cedure get_user_parameters

local variables:
infile

read the following variables from the file FEEDDIST.PRM (user parameters):

max_drop_length
user_lambda
takerate
lines_per_house
copper_gauge_nover
multiplier_fi
max_copper_distance
MaxCopperPenalty
copper_ti_nover

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globals.pas

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ti_fiber_nover
copper_line_max
ti_line_max
ti_redundancy_factor
feed_copper_cable_capacity
dist_copper_cable_capacity
fiber_cable_capacity
copper_placement_depth
fiber_placement_depth
CriticalWaterDepth
WaterFactor
MinSlopeTrigger
MinSlopeFactor
MaxSlopeTrigger
MaxSlopeFactor
CombSlopeFactor
SolifexFactor
ch2016
ch672
ch96
pct_dsl
pct_iss
SpclAccessRatio
lines_per_bus
SpclAccesslines_per_bus
DistRoadFactor
FiberFillFactor
DistanceType
FeederRoadFactor
max_RATs

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Procedure get_cost_data
local variables:
infile
i

read the following variables from the file FDCOST.TXT (cost data):

cost_per_drop_kf
nid_cost
dwot_cost_per_kf
a2016
b2016
a672
b672
a96
b96
a24
b24
a96
b96
a24
b24
sp1104_cost

read the following variables from the file ANNCNG.TXT (annual charge data):

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ac_ugd_cop
ac_bur_cop
ac_sar_cop
ac_ugd_fib
ac_bur_fib
ac_sar_fib
ac_ugd_struc
ac_bur_struc
ac_sar_struc
ac_manhole
ac_ti_term
ac_fib_term
ac_fdi
ac_dpl100
ac_drop
ac_drop_term
ac_nid

read the values for the array CopDistCost from the file 26g.txt:

NumCableSizes = 0

for each line in the file
  NumCableSizes = NumCableSizes + 1
  read in
    CopDistCost[NumCableSizes].CableSize
    CopDistCost[NumCableSizes].CostUgd
    CopDistCost[NumCableSizes].CostBur
    CopDistCost[NumCableSizes].CostAer

read the values for the array DropTermCost from the file drop.txt:

NumDropTerminalSizes = 0

for each line in the file
  NumDropTerminalSizes = NumDropTerminalSizes + 1
  read in
    DropTermCost[NumDropTerminalSizes].size
    DropTermCost[NumDropTerminalSizes].CostBur
    DropTermCost[NumDropTerminalSizes].CostAer
    DropTermCost[NumDropTerminalSizes].CostUgd

read the values for the array CopFeedCost from the file 26g.txt:

NumFeedCableSizes = 0

for each line in the file
  NumFeedCableSizes = NumFeedCableSizes + 1
  read in
    CopFeedCost[NumFeedCableSizes].size
    CopFeedCost[NumFeedCableSizes].CostUgd
    CopFeedCost[NumFeedCableSizes].CostBur
    CopFeedCost[NumFeedCableSizes].CostAer

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globals.pas

*W - The file 26g.txt is used to populate both the CopDistCost array, and the CopFeedCost array. If these arrays are meant to be identical, then only one of the arrays should be used. If they are separate because of the possibility that they might contain different data, then separate txt files should be used to populate them. The way it is now, they will always be identical.

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read values for the array FiberFeedCost from the file fibrcabl.txt:

NumFiberCableSizes = 0

for each line in the file
  NumFiberCableSizes = NumFiberCableSizes + 1
  read in
    FiberFeedCost[NumFiberCableSizes].size
    FiberFeedCost[NumFiberCableSizes].CostUgd
    FiberFeedCost[NumFiberCableSizes].CostBur
    FiberFeedCost[NumFiberCableSizes].CostAer

read values for the array IntfcCost from the file fdi.txt:

NumICBoxSizes = 0

for each line in the file
  NumICBoxSizes = NumICBoxSizes + 1
  read in
    IntfcCost[NumICBoxSizes].NumLines
    IntfcCost[NumICBoxSizes].Cost

read values for the array NormalStruc from the file normal.txt:

NumDensZones = 0

for each line in the file
  NumDensZones = NumDensZones + 1
  read in
    NormalStruc[NumDensZones].Density
    NormalStruc[NumDensZones].FeedUgd
    NormalStruc[NumDensZones].DistUgd
    NormalStruc[NumDensZones].FeedBur
    NormalStruc[NumDensZones].DistBur
    NormalStruc[NumDensZones].FeedAer
    NormalStruc[NumDensZones].DistAer

read in the values for the array SoftRockStruc from the file softrock.txt:

for i = 1 to NumDensZones
  read in
    SoftRockStruc[i].Density
    SoftRockStruc[i].FeedUgd
    SoftRockStruc[i].DistUgd
    SoftRockStruc[i].FeedBur
    SoftRockStruc[i].DistBur
    SoftRockStruc[i].FeedAer
    SoftRockStruc[i].DistAer

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